



OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

GRANT MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM

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Date: May 23, 2008
To: Homeland Security Partners
From: Governors Office of Homeland Security
Subject: FY2008 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program

The National Preparedness Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced the schedule for the FY 2008 application period of the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP).

The FY 2008 CEDAP complements the FEMA National Preparedness Directorate's other major grant programs to enhance regional response capabilities, mutual aid, and interoperable communications by providing technology and equipment, together with training and technical assistance required to operate that equipment, to public safety agencies in smaller jurisdictions and certain metropolitan areas.

Eligible applicants include State or local law enforcement agencies, fire and other emergency responders. In addition, FY 2008 CEDAP awardees cannot have received funding/equipment under the Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program, or the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program for which the award date was October 1, 2006 or later. Applicants must demonstrate in their application that the equipment will be used in working relationship with other first responders (for example: plans for sharing of equipment, joint training or use of equipment, or joint operational planning).

Applications may be submitted via the Responder Knowledge Base (www.rkb.us) starting at 0900EDT on Friday, May 30th, and continuing until 1700EDT on Monday, June 30th.

Note that the equipment choices and practice application for CEDAP 2008 are not yet available for review.

Questions regarding the CEDAP program should be referred to the Centralized Scheduling Information Desk (CSID) at 800-368-6498.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "L. Davis", with a small horizontal line at the end.

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